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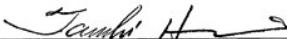
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### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: Satoru Adachi et al.

Appln. No.: 10/680,205

Filed: October 8, 2003

For: IMAGE ENCODING METHOD,  
IMAGE DECODING METHOD,  
IMAGE ENCODING APPARATUS,  
IMAGE DECODING APPARATUS,  
IMAGE ENCODING PROGRAM, AND  
IMAGE DECODING PROGRAM

Attorney Docket No: 9683/261

Examiner: Patel, Jayesh A.

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### FOURTEENTH SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(d), Applicants hereby cite the following reference(s):

#### OTHER ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Advisory Action from co-pending US Application No. 12/191,563, dated July 19, 2010, 3 pages.

Applicants are enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2). As each of the listed references is in English, no further commentary is believed to be necessary, 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3). Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application.

By submitting this Statement, Applicants are attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 CFR §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 CFR §1.56(a).

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.97(e)(2), Applicants certify that no item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and, to the knowledge of the undersigned after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. Applicants have also calculated a processing fee in the amount of \$180.00 to be due under 37 CFR §1.17(p) in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. Applicants have enclosed a check covering this fee, or authorized charging the fee to a deposit account or credit card, as indicated in the Transmittal accompanying this Information Disclosure Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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